

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 3, 2001

### SENATE

#### Measures Passed:

*Counting of Electoral Votes: Senate agreed to S.Con.Res. 1, to provide for the counting on January 6, 2001, of the electoral votes for President and Vice President of the United States.*

*S 7, D 1*

#### Nominations Received:

**Senate received the following nominations:**

*James A. Wynn, Jr.*, of North Carolina, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Fourth Circuit.

*Bonnie J. Campbell*, of Iowa, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Eighth Circuit.

*James E. Duffy, Jr.*, of Hawaii, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Ninth Circuit.

*Barry P. Goode*, of California, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Ninth Circuit.

*Roger L. Gregory*, of Virginia, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Fourth Circuit.

*Kathleen McCree Lewis*, of Michigan, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Sixth Circuit.

*Enrique Moreno*, of Texas, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Fifth Circuit.

*Sarah L. Wilson*, of Maryland, to be a **Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims** for a term of fifteen years.

*Helene N. White*, of Michigan, to be **United States Circuit Judge** for the Sixth Circuit.

*S 15, D 2*

### HOUSE

#### Bills Introduced:

**H.R. 11.** A bill *to revise the banking and bankruptcy insolvency laws* with respect to the termination and netting of financial contracts, and for other purposes; referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Leach

*H 25*

**H.R. 21.** A bill *to amend title 18, United States Code*, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Barr

*H 25*

**H.R. 24.** A bill *to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the authority of probation officers and pretrial services officers to carry firearms*, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Barr

*H 25*

**H.R. 28.** A bill to establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Slaughter

*H 25*

**H.R. 29.** A bill to prevent Government shutdowns; to the Committee on Appropriations.

Gekas

H 25

**H.R. 44.** A bill to *amend the Inspector General Act of 1978* to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Biggert

H 26

**H.R. 45.** A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, with regard to prison commissaries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Biggert

H 26

**H.R. 53.** A bill to *amend title 18, United States Code*, to provide criminal penalties for the harassment of victims of Federal offenses by the convicted offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Condit

H 26

**H.R. 55.** A bill to *make the Federal employees health benefits program available to individuals age 55 to 65 who would not otherwise have health insurance*, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Dreier

H 26

**H.R. 62.** A bill to *amend title 5, United States Code*, to establish election day in Presidential election years as a legal public holiday by moving the legal public holiday known as Veterans Day to election day in such years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform.

Jackson-Lee

H 26

**H.R. 74.** A bill to enhance Federal enforcement of hate crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jackson-Lee

H 27

**H.R. 77.** A bill *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Emerson

H 27

**H.R. 78.** A bill *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* with respect to the right to life; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Emerson

H 27

**H.R. 79.** A bill *proposing an amendment to the Constitution* to provide for a balanced budget for the United States Government and for greater accountability in the enactment of tax legislation; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Emerson

H 27

**H.R. 80.** A bill *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* authorizing the Congress and the States to prohibit the act of desecration of the flag of the United States and to set criminal penalties for that act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Emerson

H 27

**H.R. 87.** A bill to *amend the Immigration and Nationality Act* to restore certain provisions relating to the definition of aggravated felony and other provisions as they were before the enactment of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Filner

H 27

**H.R. 95.** A bill to protect individuals, families, and Internet service providers from unsolicited and unwanted electronic mail; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Green

H 27

**H.R. 99.** A bill to prohibit discrimination in contracting on federally funded projects on the basis of certain labor policies of potential contractors; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Hayworth

H 27

**H.J. Res. 1.** Joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to provide for the appointment by the States of Electors for the election of the President and Vice President on the basis of the popular vote of each Congressional district of the State and for the appointment of two electors by each State on the basis of the total popular vote of the State; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Clyburn

H 28

**H.J. Res. 2.** Joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to permit the Congress to limit expenditures in elections for Federal office; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Dingell

H 28

**H.J. Res. 3.** Joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to abolish the electoral college and to provide for the direct popular election of the President and Vice President of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Green

H 28

**H.J. Res. 4.** Joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States* to repeal the twenty-second article of amendment, thereby removing the limitation on the number of terms an individual may serve as President; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Serrano

H 28

**H. Con. Res. 5.** *Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the States should adopt uniform voting procedures to carry out the election of the President and Vice President; to the Committee on House Administration.*

Jackson-Lee

H 28

**H. Con. Res. 6.** Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the need to pass legislation to increase penalties on perpetrators of hate crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Jackson-Lee

H 28

**H. Res. 12.** Resolution opposing the imposition of criminal liability on Internet service providers based on the actions of their users; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Dreier

H 28

**Report Filed:**

**Report was filed as follows:**

Filed on Dec. 28, 2000, The Tragedy at Waco: New Evidence Examined (House Report 106-1037).

D 3

**Election of Speaker:**

*The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert of the State of Illinois was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 222 votes (yea and nay vote of 222 yeas to 207 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 2).*

H 2-5, D 3

**Remarks:**

**Voluntary School Prayer.**

*"...I rise today to introduce a constitutional amendment to ensure that students can choose to pray in school. Regrettably, the notion of the separation of church and state has been widely misrepresented in recent years, [ ] Somehow, this philosophy is often interpreted today to mean that religion has no place at all in public life, no matter what its form. President Reagan summarized the situation well when he remarked, "The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny." [ ] This straightforward principle is lost on the liberal courts and high-minded bureaucrats who have systematically eroded the right to voluntary school prayer, and it is now necessary to correct the situation through a constitutional amendment...."*

Emerson

E 7

**Introduction of a Permanent Office of Violence Against Women Act. (H.R. 28)**

*"...This bill would make permanent the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice. [ ] We have made important progress over the past decade. One of my proudest accomplishments in Congress was my work as a lead author of the Violence Against Women Act. This bill, passed by Congress in 1994 and signed into law by President Clinton, has effected a sea change in the way our nation views and addresses domestic violence. VAWA made possible today's programs to educate judges and law enforcement officers, support shelters for battered women and children, and collect vital information on statistics on violence. Nevertheless, studies show that we still have a long way to go. The legislation I am introducing today with Representative Morella would establish a permanent Office of Violence Against Women within the Department of Justice. At present, this office only exists by administrative fiat. It could be abolished or subsumed into another part of the Department at any time. In our view, the existence of the Office of Violence Against Women should not be subject to changing political winds..."*

Slaughter

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**Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 12:00 p.m., January 4, 2001.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: Saturday, 11:00 a.m., January 6, 2001.**

**OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich**